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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR
STRATEGIC AND DEFENSE POLICY COURSE

REF: WILSON - GALVIN 4/1/07 EMAIL

¶1. This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

¶2. Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check of the following Chilean candidates who have been nominated for training in the U.S., pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy.

¶3. The proposed training is the Strategic and Defense Policy Course, which will take place at the U.S. Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies in Washington, D.C., March 3 -- 24, 2007. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidates appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

a. Maria Gabriela del Pilar GALLARDO Toledo, Civilian, National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies (ANEPE), 2 April 1982, Santiago, Chile, 15.378.122-2.

b. Alberto Francisco MARQUEZ Allison, Retired Military, ANEPE, 17 August 1941, Santiago, Chile, 4.335.072-2.

c. Daniel Ximena PRADENAS Wilson, Civilian, Center for Military Studies and Research (CESIM), 12 June 1980, Santiago, Chile, 13.830.496-5.

d. Carlos Castro VERGARA, Lieutenant Colonel, Army, ANEPE, 21 September 1953, Quillota, Chile, 7.165.799-K.

¶4. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.

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